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**Mayor Emanuel Congratulates New Fire Department Promotions, including Highest Ranking African-American Woman**

*\*Rosalind Jones to Now Serve as District Chief, Marking Important Moment in CFD History\**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Fire Department Commissioner Jose Santiago commemorated the promotion and appointment of 121 firefighters during a ceremony at Navy Pier today.

The promotions announced today include Rosalind A. Jones to District Chief of District 5. She is the first woman in the history of the department to achieve the rank of District Chief. CFD 5th District covers a large section of the city's South Side.

"Where there is danger and confusion, the Chicago Fire Department brings care and compassion – but also command and courage," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "Today, we recognize the outstanding work of those who serve the department and thank them for their selfless dedication to our city."

Under the Emanuel Administration, nearly 800 firefighters have graduated from the Fire Academy, and 120 candidates are being trained at the Academy today. The appointments announced today include deputy fire commissioners, assistant deputy fire commissioner, district chief, and deputy district chief.

Also at today's ceremony, the Fire Commissioner presented Lieutenant Harold Turrentine with the Commissioner's Award of Excellence for his leadership in commanding the CFD elite Honor Guard for the past 15 years. Lieutenant Turrentine is retiring from the department.

"The brave men and women who serve in the Chicago Fire Department put duty above danger. And by doing so, they represent the very highest values of the city of Chicago," said Fire Commissioner Jose Santiago. "With the promotion of several outstanding firefighters, I look forward to continuing our work together to ensure every resident feels safe knowing that CFD is always ready to serve and protect them."

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